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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF ARABS FROM BERLIN PRISON

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1. GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ AND MAYOR NEUBAUER TOLD MINISTER AT DINNER LAST NIGHT (JUNE 8) THAT SENAT WAS EXTREMELY WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE TERRORIST ACTS DURING WORLD SOCCER MATCHES IN BERLIN BEGINNING JUNE 14 TO FORCE RELEASE OF ARAB TERRORISTS BEING HELD IN BERLIN PRISON. (IN FACT, THEY CLAIMED, THEY HAD RECEIVED INTELLIGENCE INFO THAT PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS INTEND ACTION TO FORCE RELEASE OF IMPRISONED ARABS) IN VIEW OF THIS DANGER SENAT HAS DECIDED TO RELEASE ARABS WHO WERE CONVICTED AND ARE SERVING TIME FOR POSSESSING EXPLOSIVES AND PLANNING TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

2. NEUBAUER AND SCHUETZ EXPLAINED THAT LEGAL GROUNDS EXIST FOR RELEASING ARABS AT THIS TIME. THEY WERE: A.) ARABS
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HAD NOT COMMITTED TERRORIST ACTS BUT HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND

CONVICTED BEFORE UNDERTAKING CRIMINAL ACTS. B.) UNDER BERLIN PENAL CODE FOREIGNERS MAY BE RELEASED AT ANY TIME AFTER CONVICTION (I.E. THERE IS NO MINIMUM TIME REQUIREMENT FOR PAROLE).

3. MISSION OFFICER REACHED SENATOR FOR JUSTICE KORBER JUNE 9 AND LEARNED DECISION TO EXPEL ARABS ON PLANE FOR FRANKFURT BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 12 P.M. JUNE 10. ONE HALF HOURS AFTER ARRIVAL IN FRANKFURT, ARABS WILL BE PUT ON FLIGHT FOR CAIRO. AFTER THEIR FLIGHT LEAVES FOR CAIRO, SENAT WILL INFORM PRESS OF ACTION. KORBER POINTED OUT THAT ARABS HAD ALREADY BEEN HELD IN JAIL FOR CONSIDERABLE LENGTH OF TIME, WITHOUT ACTUAL ACT OF VIOLENCE HAVING OCCURRED, AND IT WOULD BE BEST TO DISPOSE OF THEM BEFORE ONE DID. KLEIN

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